Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club

Registered Charity 1193415

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2025

The Trustees of Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and our constitution.

Charity Objects

The objects for which the Charity is established are to save lives and prevent drowning and to provide education and training in all areas relating to lifesaving, rescue and resuscitation for the benefit of the public in the Southbourne area of Bournemouth Christchurch Poole (BCP) Council by:

- The promotion and provision of Surf Lifesaving qualifications and training in water safety, rescue, lifesaving, coaching, resuscitation and first aid;
- The promotion and organisation of lifesaving and rescue, beach and pool training, water sports and lifesaving activities for training, recreation and enjoyment that encourage fitness, team work, responsibility and excellence in pursuit of these objects;
- The promotion of and the provision of voluntary lifesaving and rescue services to the community and public at large;
- The provision of lifesaving safety awareness and prevention of drowning information;
- The promotion of the CIO and its activities within the local community.

Governance, Structure and Management

The Charity is affiliated with **Surf Life Saving Great Britain** (SLSGB), a registered charity, number 1015668.

The Charity's AGM was held on Saturday 26th April 2025. The Charity's constitution allows for six trustees and as required in the constitution one trustee stood down. All those standing for election provided a bio and six trustees were elected, each of whom then filled a committee role.

Day to day running of the Charity is undertaken according to the it's Bye Laws, as authorised by Clause 26 of the Charity's Constitution, and set out membership, committee and policy requirements.

The Charity has the following policies in place:

Discipline and Appeals	Club Equality
Safeguarding	Anti-Bullying
Health, Safety and Welfare	Young Persons Club Activity
Code of Conduct	
Social Media	

Our five year strategic plan was reviewed in October 2025.

Membership

Members are welcome from the age of 7 years and there is no upper age limit.

All members must pay an annual affiliation fee of £36 to **Surf Life Saving Great Britain** (SLSGB).

The Charity has three Life Members who do not pay a club subscription. All other members pay a monthly club subscription which is waived for key committee members. At the end of December 2025, the Charity had 179 full members:

- 72 Nippers 7 – 12 years
- 45 Youth 13 – 18 years
- 51 Seniors & Masters 18+ years
- 15 Parent helpers
- 3 life members

The Charity trains weekly throughout the year. During winter months, training took place in a local private school pool on 3 weekday evenings, and in the ocean or clubhouse on Sunday mornings, with other ad-hoc sessions as needed. In summer months, training was organised from our clubhouse – dry (lifesaving knowledge and skills) and wet (ocean based) sessions on 3 weekday evenings and Sunday mornings. Additional sport focussed sessions are provided on a Monday night in the summer for our adult members.

The Charity received membership queries throughout the year and during 2025 operated a waiting list across all age groups.

Review of activities and achievements

Objectives for 2025

The Charity's key objectives for 2025 were:

- Sustain progress of the Graduate Lifeguard Programme for our youth members.
- Review our Nipper training provision to ensure it is meeting member needs and is up to date with current practice.
- Train and skill members to undertake lifesaving activities and maintain Level 1 (Community Coastal Surveillance) and Level 2 (First Aid Station) patrols in support of the **National Lifeboat Institution** (RNLI) and **HM Coastguard** (MCA) to keep Bournemouth Bay safe.
- Maintain membership numbers across all age groups with a focus on increasing numbers in Youth.
- Build on competition participation to ensure members practice and maintain their skills and fitness levels.
- Grow the IRB Section to increase provision of safety cover at events and with the aim to introduce Level 5 (Inshore Rescue Boat) patrols.
- Maintain and increase our community presence.

- Maximise income generation, including, claiming gift aid, promoting existing donation arrangements, identifying new fundraising opportunities, identifying grant funding opportunities.

Achievements during 2025

Interest in the Charity remained high and the acceptance of new members was phased at key points in the year.

Year on year, participation in SLSGB sports grows. The Charity was well represented at both **Wessex SLS** Stillwater (pool) and Ocean competitions, the **SLSGB** National Championships and the local **PBCLSA** Twilight competitions. Once again, the Charity sent a Nipper's team to the **SLSGB** National Pool Championships.

The Charity was represented (secretary) on the **Wessex SLS** committee and the committee of the **Poole Bournemouth and Christchurch Life Saving Association** (PBCLSA); a collaboration of local SLSGB and **Royal Life Saving Society** (RLSS) clubs that provides competition and networking opportunities across Bournemouth Bay.

As in previous years, several of the Charity's youth members took up paid **RNLI Beach Lifeguard** positions and the club completed requalification for a number of RNLI Lifeguards.

Nipper members continued to follow the **SLSGB Nipper Lifesaver Pathway** and Youth members entered the second year of the Graduate Lifeguard Programme (GLP). The Charity collaborated with SSLGB on GLP improvements that will benefit all clubs nationally.

Our Senior and Master members maintained their training and coaching of live saving awards to enable the Charity to operate safely and offer event safety cover and now has several Level 1 and 2 coaches and Trainer Assessors to provide capacity across all sections.

The Charity's IRB section continued to advance with members obtaining awards and the sustainability of this section remains a key objective for 2026 along with improving and increasing capacity of storage to enable the IRB section to train with and alongside all ages on the beach and in the sea.

Community work and event safety

In 2025 the Charity delivered:
- 150 volunteering hours on water safety for local events (excluding our own)
- 153 volunteering hours on beach patrols
And attended local community events to talk about water safety, and hosted a local scout group.

Events supported include the British Rowing Regatta, Bournemouth Pier to Pier Swim, Brownsea Island Swim, and Studland SwimRun - local events working alongside other local clubs for which the Charity received donations.

Marshals were again provided for the Bournemouth Bay Run, a popular community event organised by BCP Council for which the Charity received a donation.

The Charity provided safety cover once again at the White Christmas Dip 2025; held on Christmas Day morning, over 1,000 people participated in this event which raised more than £20k for the local Macmillan Caring Locally hospice and the Charity received a donation for its time and contribution.

We also had a community day where we ran CPR and water safety demonstrations for members of the local community to learn more about what we do"

Income generation

The Charity received £34,426 by way of donations during the year, a mix of legacy gifts, personal donations, donations for providing safety cover at events and from local masonic groups, and £20k from the National Lottery to fund replacement cladding for the clubhouse.

Gift Aid to the value of £6,301 was received.

Other than the National Lottering grant to fund replacement cladding, all donations expenditure has been lifesaving related, for example, a legacy continues to fund the Graduate Lifeguard Programme and donations have funded training and life saving equipment, as well as essential IRB repairs and maintenance.

Future Plans

The Charity's priorities for 2026 and beyond (taken from our strategic plan):

Priorty 1 Member Engagement

Our aim is to create an inclusive culture; we want to be a supportive and friendly club. We will continually review our internal communications and training provision with a focus on accessibility. We will encourage participation of members at all levels across a full range of activities building skills for life and confidence.

We will seek to build inter-club relationships in order to provide diverse training environments for members to build confidence and upskill, for example, IRB training with other clubs both locally and in other regions, sports training with other clubs.

Priority 2 Benefit the local community

We will aim to actively position and promote the club and support our local community by providing patrols, water safety teams for local events, making the clubhouse available and hosting community days. We will continue to maintain positive relations with neighbouring clubs.

We will provide beach safety education for members of the public such as, but not limited to, training days for schools and youth organisations.

Priority 3 Developing members

We will deliver internationally recognised SLSGB awards and competencies to upskill our members and develop life skills and to undertake lifesaving activities.

We will provide opportunities for mentoring our younger members to develop transferable skills and knowledge and take up employment with local charities and colleges

Priority 4 Sustainable future

To ensure sustainability, we will focus on looking ahead to a strong future to ensure stability by succession planning, putting the right structures in place and developing key roles.

We will maintain our clubhouse and seek a longer-term lease prior to renewal.

We will seek additional storage solutions for our equipment and IRBs.

We will maintain our strong financial position, maximise our income generation and ensure that our finances are used to the benefit of our members and community, and ensure that our financial reporting is transparent and relevant.

Accounts

As of 31st December, the bank balance was £44,908.58. Within this, a reserve of £10,000 was held to cover any significant repairs and maintenance to the clubhouse and any unexpected costs, and £30,000 was set aside for clubhouse replacement cladding.

Charity Trustees

Julian Kent
Club Chair

Sue Grey
Club Secretary

Mark Harris
Membership Secretary

Lindsey Scott
Nipper Lead

Tristan Mandel
Safety Manager

Tim Merrick
Training Oversight

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Accounts year ending 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts	2025			2025	2024
Donations	£14,426.71	£20,000.00		£14,426.71	£8,840.00
Membership fees	£27,132.50			£27,132.50	£25,621.00
Clothing income	£1,079.00			£1,079.00	£556.00
Other Income	£885.50			£885.50	£185.00
GiftAid	£6,301.50			£6,301.50	£5,964.50
Course & competition fees	£6,091.00			£6,091.00	£5,345.67
Total Receipts	**£55,916.21**	**£20,000.00**	**£0.00**	**£55,916.21**	**£46,512.17**
A2 Asset	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
A3 Payments					
Membership fees	£1,271.48			£1,271.48	£1,181.00
Pool fees	£6,927.50			£6,927.50	£5,785.00
IRB costs	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Club hut	£19,610.86	£20,000.00		£19,610.86	£8,746.12
Clothing	£1,419.86			£1,419.86	£1,116.76
Events	£1,276.76			£1,276.76	£292.60
Equipment	£4,810.32			£4,810.32	£17,516.35
Course fees and awards	£6,147.11			£6,147.11	£7,882.39
Other expenses	£645.80			£645.80	£364.10
	£42,109.69	**£20,000.00**		**£62,109.69**	**£42,884.32**
A4 Asset & investment	**£0.00**	**£0.00**		**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Total payments	**£42,109.69**	**£20,000.00**	**£0.00**	**£62,109.69**	**£42,884.32**
Net of receipts/payments	**£13,806.52**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£13,806.52**	**£3,627.85**
Transfer between funds				**£0.00**	**£0.00**
Cash funds last year end	**£31,102.06**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£31,102.06**	**£27,474.21**
Cash funds this year end	**£44,908.58**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**	**£44,908.58**	**£31,102.06**

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Independent Examiner's Report

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees	Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1193415
Set out on pages	Set out on the two pages preceding this Report		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	23 September 2026
Name:	Mark S Andrews FCCA – Director, Taylor Andrews Ltd		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	No matters requiring disclosure have been identified